IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 2133 of 2006

Dated:10.02.2006

Between:

Sd.Jani, S/o Shabuddin

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Regional Manager, APSRTC,

Mahabubnagar Region,

Mahabubnagar District and three others.

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed questioning the order, dated 20.08.2005, passed by the Depot Manager, APSRTC, Mahabubnagar District-the third respondent herein. By the said order, the services of the petitioner were disengaged and he was directed to report to Deputy Chief Personnel Manager (HCR), APSRTC, J.B.S.Picket, Secunderabad.

It is stated that the petitioner is presently serving as daily Casual driver in Ranigunj-II Bus Depot of Hyderabad. He assails the impugned order on the ground that so far as transfers are concerned, the unit is the district. He cannot be transferred beyond the unit of Mahabubnagar District, where he was originally appointed. It is further submitted that several persons who were appointed as Casual Drivers subsequent to the petitioner and were juniors to him in that category have been continued in Mahabubnagar District. But,

however, the petitioner is disengaged and transferred to other District.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in similar such circumstances, this Court has passed orders to continue the services of the drivers in the parent unit, subject to availability of work and in accordance with the seniority maintained by them. He also filed one such order passed by this Court in W.P.No.25766 of 2005, dated 28.12.2005.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and following the earlier orders of this Court, this writ petition is allowed and it is directed that the petitioner be continued in the unit of Mahabubnagar District subject to availability of work and in accordance with the seniority maintained in that category. There shall be no order as to costs.

_____ R.SUBHASH REDDY, J

10.02.2006

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